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Amendment to Abstract : To comply with the Official Action, the previous second embodiment was elected to be the generic one. As a consequence, the original Abstract has to be amended because of what is contained in its 4th paragraph, starting "Two embodiments.... the first one extends the components out of each end of the toothbrush... etc." After the election, the embodiment which components extend out of each end of the toothbrush is object of the second embodiment, not the first one. Therefore, please replace the previous Abstract with the following amended one, a Clean Version of which is contained in the next page :

Abstract (Marked-up Version): A toothbrush that provides, besides the conventional bristles for brushing the teeth, other basic periodontal components recommended by dentists for perfect cleaning, massaging and stimulating ~~[[of]]~~ the gum tissue, all in one single, convenient artifact. The brush component is molded into one end of the handle, in conventional manner and ~~the opposite end of the handle contains in its interior tubular~~ recess~~[[es]]~~ chambers for holding ~~two other dental tools a gum massager stimulating tip and a periodontal hard brush. or other combination of dental tools.~~ The invention ~~includes~~ comprises four embodiments for holding, storing, and ready and independent retrieval of those tools. ~~[[Two]]~~ The preferred embodiment~~[[s]]~~ utilizes ~~[[a]]~~ two sliding buttons that extend~~[[s]]~~ and retract the components out of ~~two parallel internal-recess chambers, [[in]]~~ inside ~~the body of the toothbrush handle; the first one a second embodiment utilizes the~~ sliding buttons to extend~~[[s]]~~ the components in opposite directions, out of each end of the toothbrush ~~[[handle,]]~~ from two recesses, in tandem, inside and along the body of the device; and the second one extends the tools out of the opposite end of the toothbrush from the brush end. A; a third embodiment rotates the ~~tools components~~ out of ~~[[a]]~~ two covered recess chambers ~~[[in]]~~ inside the toothbrush handle, and ~~[[the]]~~ a fourth embodiment comprises three chambers and utilizes ~~[[a]]~~ knurled sleeves to extend and retract the components out of the end of the toothbrush handle.

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Amendment to Abstract (Continuation of Previous Page)

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